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Senator resigning to join law firm

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Brandt Hershman, the Indiana Senate's longtime tax and fiscal policy chief, announced Friday he is resigning to take a job with one of the state's largest law and lobbying firms.

 **Sen. Brandt Hershman** Hershman, R-Buck Creek, will step down Jan. 2, the day before the 2018 legislative session begins. He is joining the Washington D.C. office of Indianapolis-based law firm and lobbying powerhouse Barnes & Thornburg.

Hershman is an 18-year veteran of

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IU played pivotal role in Enberg's long career

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Indiana University was never far from Dick Enberg's thoughts.

He only sent 165 tweets in his lifetime, but one of his last praised IU when the Hoosiers defeated Notre Dame in this past Saturday's Crossroads Classic.

"Congrats to Hoosiers rookie Coach Archie Miller, his first big win at Indiana, OT vs N. Dame. What a comeback!"

The legendary sports broadcaster, whose career spanned parts of seven decades, died on Thursday. He was 82.

Enberg's wife, Barbara, told The San Diego Union-Tribune it appeared Enberg suffered a heart attack at their La Jolla, Calif., home as he prepared to fly from San Diego to Boston on Thursday morning.

Enberg, who earned his master's and doctorate degrees from IU, enjoyed high-profile roles with NBC and CBS, Enberg called San Diego Padres games as the team's main television voice for seven years before he retired at the conclusion of the 2016 season.

In 1957, Enberg became the first student

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PACERS RISE TO FEED HOMELESS FAMILIES

ABOVE: Amare Chism, left, Ca'ron Chism, center, and Kherington Chism meet Indiana Pacers mascot Boomer during guard Lance Stephenson's "Six Ways of Giving" event Friday at Dayspring Center Family Emergency Center.

RIGHT: Steven Smith and his children Adonis Smith, center, and Maryah Smith, right, gather for dinner at the event.

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IU study: Sex spikes near Christmas

Research includes data from nearly 130 countries

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There's no holiday as sexy as Christmas.

Just ask Indiana University researcher Luis Rocha. He and colleagues in Portugal set out to determine why birth rates peak in September and October.

Scientists had speculated the trend stemmed from a biological response to solar cycles. The weather is dark and dreary in December (nine months before that peak — get it?), so people spend more time inside, in bed and ... you get the idea.

But if that were the case, Rocha and colleagues at the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciencia realized, researchers would see an opposite birth peak in countries in the Southern Hemisphere, nine months after the summer solstice here.

Instead, they found, countries such as Argentina and Australia had the same birth spike.

 **Luis Rocha**

Equally intriguing, work done in Israel suggested that the Muslim and Jewish populations of that country display two different birth rates, suggesting cultural rather than biological forces at play.

Hypothesizing that something changes during the winter holiday season that is somewhat less than holy, Rocha decided to use Google search

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